

Time Card	
McCook, Neb.	
MAIN LINE EAST-DEPART:	
No. 6 (Central Time)	10:27 P. M.
2	5:22 A. M.
12	7:15 A. M.
14	9:42 P. M.
16	7:25 P. M.
MAIN LINE WEST-DEPART:	
No. 1 (Mountain Time)	9:50 A. M.
3	11:42 P. M.
5	5:30 P. M.
13	10:25 A. M.
15	12:17 A. M.
IMPERIAL LINE	
No. 156 arrives (Mountain Time)	5:35 P. M.
No. 155 departs	7:10 A. M.
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#### RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

N. V. Franklin will spend Sunday in Eustis.

Engine 704 is receiving droppit repairs, this week.

A. W. Austin and wife will be Hastings visitors, Sunday.

John Hunt and wife will go to Lincoln, Sunday, on a short visit.

"Doctor" Smith left for St. Joseph, Mo., last night, after the family.

D. O. Hewitt went in to Omaha, Wednesday evening, on business.

Fireman Roy Hiller is entertaining his father and mother from Edgar.

Brakeman C. D. Chilton departed, Wednesday, on a visit to friends in Missouri.

Engine 1942 is a new arrival from the Havelock shops on the division, this week.

Way car 14,238 was pulled out of service, Wednesday, on account of light business.

Bruce Berry is on the job in the trainmaster's office while Rogers is on vacation.

Conductor A. H. Bagley was off, mid-week, looking after some business matters in Akron.

Trainmaster's Clerk Rogers and wife left, last night, for a week's outing in the Colorado hills.

Engines 1092 and 1354 have been run out of the backshop and the 1331 will be taken out today.

Engineer Ainsworth Monks has been having some trouble with a sore foot caused by a rusty nail.

Switchman Overleese of the Holdrege yard is on furlough, and Warner of Oxford is relieving him.

Mrs. E. O. Scott and baby departed, on No. 2, Tuesday morning, to visit friends in Lincoln and Omaha.

Adam Getman and family and J. C. Hoffman and daughter left, last night, for Fruita, Colorado, on a visit.

Theodore Diebold and R. C. True are in Akron, part of the week, repairing the gasoling engine of the coal chute.

Conductor Carmonney had Burns' run on 1 and 6 while the latter engaged in a limited bout with hay fever, this week.

The stationary boiler from the Holdrege roundhouse is in the shop here for new flues and several patches to her firebox.

W. J. Russell is off duty, this week, on account of the serious illness of his child, a sufferer with a severe summer sickness.

Conductor Cox and crew with Engineer Marshall have the pile driver at Oxford, driving a foundation for a new concrete bridge.

Louis Meyers, night man at Cambridge, has taken a long vacation, and John White, formerly of Indianola, has taken the position.

C. G. Orman, wife and daughter will leave, this week, for Fresno, Calif., to be absent a few weeks, going by way of Billings, Portland etc.

Albert Fredricksen, night man at Trenton for some time, has been transferred to Roggen, Colorado, as agent.

Harold Weyl from Stratton, took his position at Trenton.

Engineer Jake Matz returned from his Denver visit, Tuesday morning, and resumed work on the Holdrege local, Wednesday. Mrs. Matz went on to Franklin to visit her parents briefly.

The examination of conductors and engineers began, Wednesday. Trainmaster Weidenhamer is conducting the examination and is handling the men in classes of ten or twelve, half of them from each branch of the service.

D. C. Woodring, superintendent of bridges and master carpenter of the Lincoln division, fell from the Burlington bridge at Fremont, Sunday and lost his life. He received perhaps fatal injuries about the head in falling. His body was not recovered from the river for several hours afterwards.

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#### THE WEST POINT RIOT.

It Happened During the Cadetship of Jefferson Davis.

Closely connected with Benny Havens' was the great cadet riot of Christmas, 1826, in the middle of Jefferson Davis' third year. Before Christmas it was rumored through the barracks that Davis and other southern and southwestern cadets were going to explain to the other members of the corps the mysteries of eggnog.

Cadets Davis, Tilghman and Temple were to get the necessities from Benny's, but it seems that something prevented, and others had to get the materials. The authorities were suspicious and ordered the inspectors to stay up all night to keep order. This angered the cadets, and the preparations for the eggnog went on. In the dark of the morning of Dec. 25 the invitations were sent out. Robert E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnston declined. J. B. Magruder, Drayton, C. J. Wright and others accepted. Davis was extending the invitations when he heard a rumor that Captain Hitchcock was abroad. He ran back to No. 5 north barracks, where the refreshments were collected, called out, "Put away that grog, boys; old Hitch is coming," and looked up to find that Hitchcock was already in the room. Davis was sent to his quarters under arrest, fortunately for him, for after some hilarious noise he went to sleep and did not get into the riot which then began. The instructors and officers were chased out of the halls into their own rooms and there besieged. The cadets obtained arms and organized the Helvetian league to protect themselves against the bombardiers, who, they heard, were ordered out to subdue them. Davis' roommate, Walter B. Guion of Mississippi, was the leader of the Helvetians. He secured a pistol and tried to shoot Captain Hitchcock. Some of the officers were badly bruised with stove wood that the cadets threw at them. After an hour or two the riot went out. Later nineteen cadets, among them Guion, were court martialed and dismissed. Davis, with others, was kept long under arrest and given demerits.—Professor W. L. Fleming in Metropolitan Magazine.

#### NEW ENGLAND WITCHES.

A Small Record Compared With That of Other Countries.

Yankees have so long and so loudly confessed their ancestral sins that the facts in the case are little known. So much is said about Salem that the execution of witches in Pennsylvania is overlooked. The scant score of persons hanged for witchcraft in New England causes more comment than the many thousands legally burned for that crime in Europe.

In all New England, according to Nathaniel Hawthorne, nineteen persons were executed as witches. One more was accused of the crime and for refusal to plead was pressed to death, after the custom of the day.

The facts concerning the widespread belief in witchcraft and the enormous number of witches killed may be found in any encyclopedia. Haydn's Dictionary of Dates says: "More than 100,000 perished, mostly by the flames, in Germany." Chambers' Encyclopedia says: "In England and Scotland the witch mania was somewhat later in setting in than on the continent, but when it did so it was little if at all less virulent, the reformation notwithstanding." "The number of victims in Scotland from first to last has been estimated at upward of 4,000." Dr. Sprenger in his "Life of Mohammed" computes the entire number of persons who have been burned as witches during the Christian epoch at 9,000,000.

Witchcraft persecutions in New England took place in 1692. They were all done in six months. In England they continued till well into the next century. In 1863 a reputed wizard was drowned in a pond at Hedingham, in Essex. Says Chambers, "It was considered worthy of notice that nearly all the sixty or seventy persons concerned in the outrage were of the small tradesmen class, none of the agricultural laborers being mixed up in the affair."—Springfield Republican.

A Book She Wouldn't Read.

"There is one book of Mr. Stevenson's that I myself have never read," said Mrs. Stevenson once. "I refused to read it and held to my refusal. I make it a rule never to read a novel the scene of which is laid in a bygone age. The author always deems it his duty to make his characters talk in what he considers the language of that period, and I am always sure that he doesn't know positively how they did talk, so I won't read such books. I would never read the 'Black Arrow,' and Mr. Stevenson thought it such a good joke that he insisted upon dedicating it to me."

Her Goodness.

Bridget—My wife is a very good cook. Wise—Get out! Her mother told me she was just talking her first lessons when you married her. Bridget—Exactly. She was good enough not to continue her lessons on me.—Philadelphia Press.

Mixed.

Mrs. Brown—She's forever complaining, but I think she merely lacks stamina. Mrs. Malaprop—Oh, no; she's got it; at any rate, that's what the doctor calls her disease. She can't sleep, you know.—Exchange.

Willing to Take Chances.

The Man—I'd give anything if you would kiss me. The Maid—But the scientists say that kisses breed disease. The Man—Oh, never mind that. Go ahead and make me an invalid for life.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

#### LAKE MANGISHLAK.

Its Strongly Perfumed Waters Are Mauve in Color.

"Grasse, clinging to its Alp, high above the Mediterranean, is supposed to give the stranger a headache on account of its perfume," said a perfumer. "Grasse makes the world's perfumes. You see mountains of flowers there, as in a milling country you see mountains of wheat. The odor is powerful, but as far as headaches—no."

"But in the Caspian district there is a lake so strongly perfumed that if the stranger boats on it or swims in it he really gets a headache. This lake's banks are of white salt crystals, its waters are mauve in color, and from it an odor of violets is exhaled."

"It is Lake Mangishlak. I visited it to see if I couldn't bottle it up and put it on the perfume market. No go."

"You see, it is the presence of the seaweed Polydystia violacea that gives the lake its hue and smell. When you bottle the waters the seaweed atoms after a few days die and rot. Then the odor changes from violet to—pah!"

"But if you are ever in the Caspian visit the Mangishlak peninsula and take a look at the lake. It is in its way as curious as the asphalt lakes of South America."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

#### SHE WAS INSULTED.

The Sting in the Letter That Came For Her Husband.

"Harry, love," said Mrs. Knew to her husband when he entered his home a few evenings ago, "I've been dreadfully insulted."

"Insulted?" repeated Mr. Knew indignantly. "By whom?"

"By your mother."

"My mother, Flora? Nonsense, dear. She's the kindest woman in the world. And how could she insult you? She isn't here; she's miles away."

"But, Harry, she did insult me," persisted Flora, "and it was done in a letter."

"Show it to me."

"I'll tell you about it. A letter came for you this morning addressed in your mother's handwriting, and so, of course, I opened it."

"Of course," said Mr. Knew dryly. "It was written to you all the way through, you understand?"

"Yes, I understand that, but where does the insult to you come in?"

"In the postscript. When I read along to that it said, 'Dear Flora—Don't fail to give this letter to Harry; I want him to have it! Now, tell me, wasn't that an insult?'—Pearson's Weekly.

#### The Unprodigal Son.

The president of a club of New York writers said the other day of a parsimonious young man:

"He resembles a chap they tell about in Bucks county."

"This chap lived alone with his father. On the old man's death he would inherit the farm."

"Well, finally the old man took sick. His end drew near. The son sat up with him a night or two, expecting him to pass away, but he lingered on."

"On the fifth or sixth night the son, instead of sitting up, put a lamp, turned low, very, very low, on a table by the bed and went off to his own room with the caution:

"When you feel that it is all over with you, father, don't forget to blow out the lamp."—Washington Star.

#### A Rare Souvenir.

A curious souvenir is preserved in the Bank of England in the shape of a note for £1,000 with which Admiral Lord Cochrane paid his fine when he was falsely accused of spreading with an interested object a rumor that Bonaparte was dead in 1814 so as to cause a rise in the price of stocks.

The sum mentioned was raised in subscriptions of a penny by his Westminster constituents. The note is indorsed with the name of the intrepid but ill used salt and has inscribed on it a sentence in which he expresses the hope that one day he will prove his innocence and triumph over his accusers. That consummation was not effected until eighteen years later, when he was reinstated by William IV.

—London Telegraph.

#### Submarine Navigation.

The idea of the submarine is certainly as much as 200 years old, but most of the earlier plans were flat failures. In 1774 an inventor named Day lost his life during an experimental descent in Plymouth sound. Bushnell of Connecticut in 1775 contrived a submarine vessel propelled by some kind of screw. Robert Fulton also in 1793 invented a box which when filled with combustibles might be propelled under water and made to explode under the bottom of a ship. It is hard to say who was the originator of the idea of the submarine boat unless it was Day.

—New York American.

#### A Hard Case.

"His wife earns her own money." "Indeed! I did not know she was employed."

"Oh, yes; hard at it all the time."

"What does she do?"

"Works him to give up."—New York Journal.

#### Why He Fretted.

Amateur Sportsman (after shooting his best friend)—Too bad, too bad! But I thought you were a deer. The Victim—Don't fret. Amateur Sportsman—Don't fret! Why, man, I promised my wife a pair of horns.—Illustrated Bits.

#### What's the Use?

"Ought we not to do something more for the preservation of our forests?" "Oh, what's the use?" answered Senator Sorghum impatiently. "Trees can't vote."—Washington Star.

#### FOR SALE, FOR RENT, ETC.

FOR SALE—A lady's saddle—dot a side saddle. Make inquiries at this office for price and particulars.

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GIRLS WANTED—At the McCook Steam Laundry.—7-17-ft.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES.

We chronicle a week of benefactions. A bound volume, "The National Arbitration and Peace Congress" has been received from the proceedings committee, of New York, with the compliments of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. It has for its frontispiece a fine full page portrait of Mr. Carnegie, who was president of the congress, besides many portraits of men and women who were prominent in the movement for universal peace. The book is of large interest to any student of present-day international relations.

Mr. A. C. Hipple has presented to the library two bound volumes of the Century, one of the Review of Reviews, and several other books; while Mrs. Cogizer donated "The Story of the Seer of Patmos." A large number of the "Breder's Gazette," part of them bound, were brought by Mr. E. J. Mitchell; and another large collection of the "Musical Courier" by Dr. Hare. The library management would acknowledge these gifts with thanks.

The dictionary may be said to hold a liberal education between its covers, and that is a progressive student who knows how to use, and cultivates "The Dictionary Habit." The library dictionary has been kept in hiding, behind the door, and must be asked for before being discovered. A new adjustable rack has been added to the equipment this week, and the big book may now be found in the main reading room, where it is easily accessible at all times.

#### Real Estate Filings.

The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since last report.

Frank H. Coleman and wife to Thomas A. Clapp, wd to lots 18, 19, 20, blk 8, Willow Grove add McCook..... 180 00

Charles T. Harris widr to Albert Shera, wd to lots 12, 13, blk 10, West McCook..... 800 00

Hiram C. Rider and wife to Allen Barrett, wd to lot 12, blk 18, Riverview cemetery..... 15 00

Nettie E. Hamilton and hus to L. D. Barger, wd to lot 1, blk 9, 2nd McCook..... 1125 00

T. M. Brown to Ball Bros, lease to lot 2, blk 54, Bartley..... 720 00

Taylor M. Cameron and wife to Jacob and Joshua Gerver, wd to lot 1, blk 2, West McCook..... 1400 00

George F. Pronger and wife to Elizabeth B. Monks, wd to lot 11, blk 13, 1st McCook.... 1400 00

Sarah F. Mann to W. D. Spencer, wd to lot 1, blk 17, Indianola 1060 00

#### GERVER.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rowland departed, Monday, for the haunts of their childhood in Ohio. They also expect to visit relatives at various eastern points as well as taking a trip west.

H. Beck, who has quite large landholdings in this vicinity, with his agent Peter Foxen and chauffeur Dallas Divine was looking after his interests here Wednesday. He reports corn in this immediate neighborhood as looking as well as any corn he has seen between here and home. This is very flattering and encouraging to us, as we were foolish enough to suppose we were not "in it" with those high-priced land fellows.

Miss Ethel Lant is home from attending normal at McCook.

A representative of the Grand Island business college was around getting the young people interested in acquiring an education to fit them for life work.

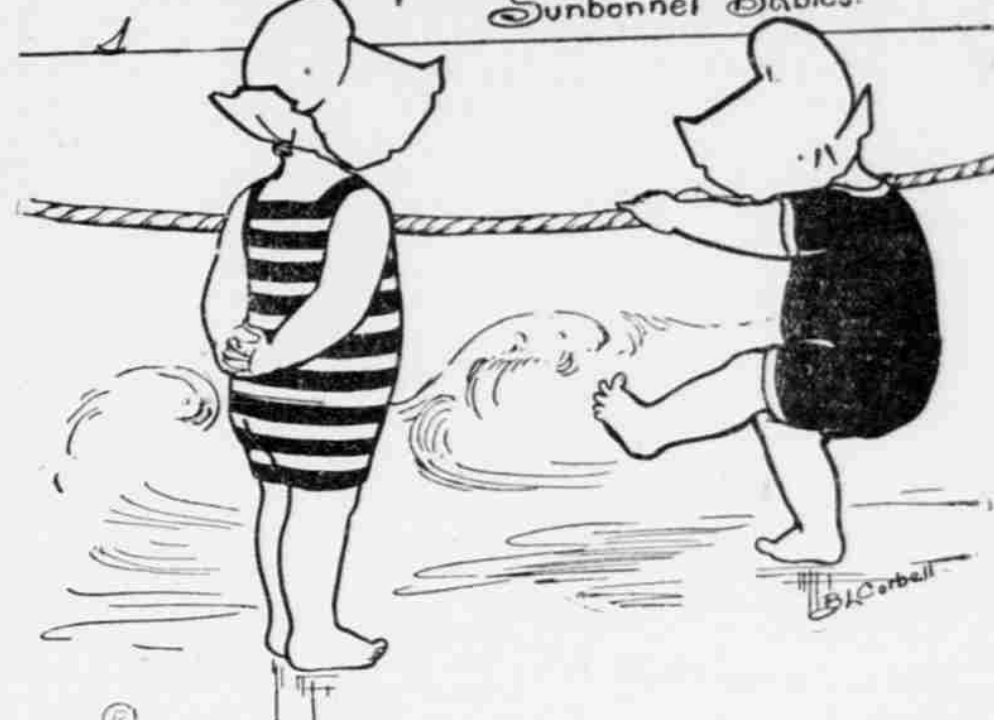
Thayer Rowland is working with Bert Goodenberger's heading gang.

Rev. Young is putting in good licks on his new house.

The Ralph Austin Header Co. broke their header last week and had to lay off for a day or two.

Everybody who can is putting in good time plowing corn. Those who are still harvesting are nervous because they can't.

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